

Employers Work To Fill New Construction Jobs

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DES MOINES, Iowa -- Iowa road construction contractors are gearing up for a busy summer season and said Tuesday that they're looking for hundreds of new workers to fill new jobs.

Contractors said they expect to have openings in the coming months for everything from dump truck drivers to crane operators to flaggers for new construction sites across the state.

Iowa is receiving \$358 million in federal stimulus money on top of the \$550 million budgeted for highway construction, a 70 percent increase in work.

The Association of General Contractors created this new Web site to help recruit workers to fill the new jobs: <http://www.agciajobs.com>.

The site lists the companies and jobs available.

Contractors said they will do on the job training, but are primarily looking for workers with some construction background who are willing to travel and work hard.

Repairing Iowa's infrastructure with 25,000 bridges is a big job but the hope is the Web site will help recruit the workers to do it.

Contractors said that they have also put out the word to workers in states surround Iowa

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